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OFFICE OF
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Brooke Temple
Vice President
World Television of Washington, LLC
4164 Guide Meridian
Suite 102
Bellingham, WA 98226

Re: Request for Reduction of Fiscal Year
2003 Regulatory Fees
World Television of Washington, LLC
KBCB(TV), Bellingham, Washington
Fee Control No. 00000RROG-03-103

Dear Mr. Temple:

This is in response to your September 23, 2003 request filed on behalf of World Television of Washington, LLC (WTW), licensee of KBCB(TV), Bellingham, Washington, for a partial refund of the fiscal year (FY) 2003 regulatory fees. You request a refund reflecting the difference between the regulatory fee that Station KBCB(TV) paid for FY 2003 (i.e., \$12,875.00) and the amount charged to UHF televisions stations in the remaining market category (i.e., markets 101 and above) under section 1.1153 of the Commission's rules (i.e., \$12,875.00 minus \$1,425.00 equals \$11,450.00).

In your request, you state that KBCB(TV)'s signal "cannot be received over-the-air in either Seattle or Tacoma" and that the station's "Grade B service area can only be received by 274,580 people within the Seattle-Tacoma DMA." You state that because there are only 107,678 television households in KBCB(TV)'s Grade B service area, the station "is effectively serving a market equivalent to DMA market size number 167 (which is currently Utica, New York)." You also state that KBCB(TV) is not a network affiliate.

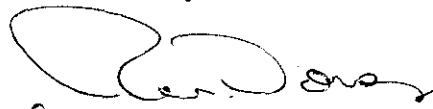
For purposes of the FY 2000 regulatory fee, the Office of Managing Director (OMD) found that because KBCB(TV) is not a network affiliate, is located outside the Seattle-Tacoma, Washington metropolitan area, and its Grade B signal (encompassing 79,600 television households) does not serve a substantial portion of the Seattle-Tacoma, Washington metropolitan area (*citing the 2000 Television & Cable Factbook*), KBCB(TV) should be treated as a remaining market station for purposes of its regulatory

fee assessment.¹ For purposes of the FY 2001 regulatory fee, OMD found that circumstances had not changed since the *Letter Decision* so as to affect KBCB(TV)'s qualification for a regulatory fee reduction. OMD therefore found that KBCB(TV) should be treated as a remaining market station for purposes of its FY 2001 regulatory fee assessment.

In light of your statements, we find that it appears that circumstances have not changed so as to affect KBCB(TV)'s qualification for a regulatory fee reduction. We therefore find that KBCB(TV) should be treated as a remaining market station for purposes of its FY 2003 regulatory fee assessment. We note that WTW is under a continuing obligation to report to the Commission any circumstances that could affect KBCB(TV)'s qualification for regulatory fee reduction, including service area or population coverage data.

In light of the analysis set forth above, WTW's request for partial reduction of the regulatory fee for FY 2003 is granted and the excessive amount will be refunded. A check made payable to the maker of the original check and drawn in the amount of \$11,450.00 will be provided at the earliest practicable time. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call the Revenue & Receivables Operations Group at (202) 418-1995.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark A. Reger', is written over a horizontal line.

Mark A. Reger
Chief Financial Officer

¹ See *Letter* from Mark Reger, Chief Financial Officer, OMD, FCC to Elizabeth E. Goldin, Wiley, Rein & Fielding (dated Feb. 8, 2001) (noting that WTW is under a continuing obligation to report to the Commission any circumstances that could affect KBCB(TV)'s qualification for regulatory fee reduction) (*Letter Decision*).

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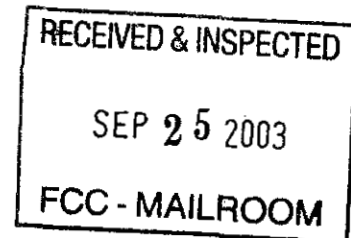
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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room 1-A625
Washington, D.C. 20554



Re: Request for Reduction in Regulatory Fees
World Television of Washington, LLC
KBCB, Channel 24, Bellingham, Washington

Dear Office of the Managing Director:

As it has over the past few years, World Television of Washington, LLC ("WTW"), licensee of KBCB, Channel 24 at Bellingham, Washington, hereby requests a reduction in its regulatory fees pursuant to "FY 2000 Mass Media Regulatory Fees," Public Notice 20318, August 2, 2000.

The Seattle-Tacoma Designated Market Area ("DMA") is a Top 25 DMA and stations in this market are required to pay \$12,875 as their annual regulatory fee. The Seattle-Tacoma DMA includes 4,338,000 persons (BIA's Television Market Report 2003).

In the Implementation of Section 9 of the Communications Act, Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for the 1994 Fiscal Year, the Commission concluded that stations that "lack network affiliations, and are located outside of the principle city's metropolitan area and do not provide a grade B signal to a substantial portion of the market's metropolitan areas . . . will be assessed a fee based on the number of television households served, and will be charged the same fee as stations serving markets with the same number of television households." 10 FCC Rcd 12759 (1995), paras. 21-22.

KBCB is licensed to Bellingham, Washington, which is in the far northern end of the Seattle-Tacoma DMA. Due to this location, the KBCB signal cannot be received over-the-air in either Seattle or Tacoma. In fact, as illustrated in the attached map of KBCB's Grade B contour, KBCB's Grade B service area can only be received by 274,580 people

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within the Seattle-Tacoma DMA. Attachment A. In other words, the KBCB over-the-air signal reaches a mere 6% of the Seattle-Tacoma DMA populace.

Additionally, KBCB is not a network affiliate. KBCB is predominately a foreign language broadcaster.

Accordingly, WTW believes that circumstances dictate that the KBCB regulatory fees be adjusted in accordance with the Implementation of Section 9 of the Communications Act, Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for the 1994 Fiscal Year, 10 FCC Rcd 12759 (1995), paras. 21-22. As there are 2.55 persons per television household within the Seattle-Tacoma DMA and 107,678 television households within the Grade B service area of KBCB, the Licensee is effectively serving a market equivalent to DMA market size number 167 (which is currently Utica, New York). See BIA's Television Market Report 2003 and Attachment A. Stations in markets 100 and higher pay a regulatory fee of \$1,425, which is \$11,450 more than what WTW paid this year.

We therefore request a refund of \$11,450.

Sincerely,



Brooke Temple
Vice President
World Television of Washington, LLC

Attachment

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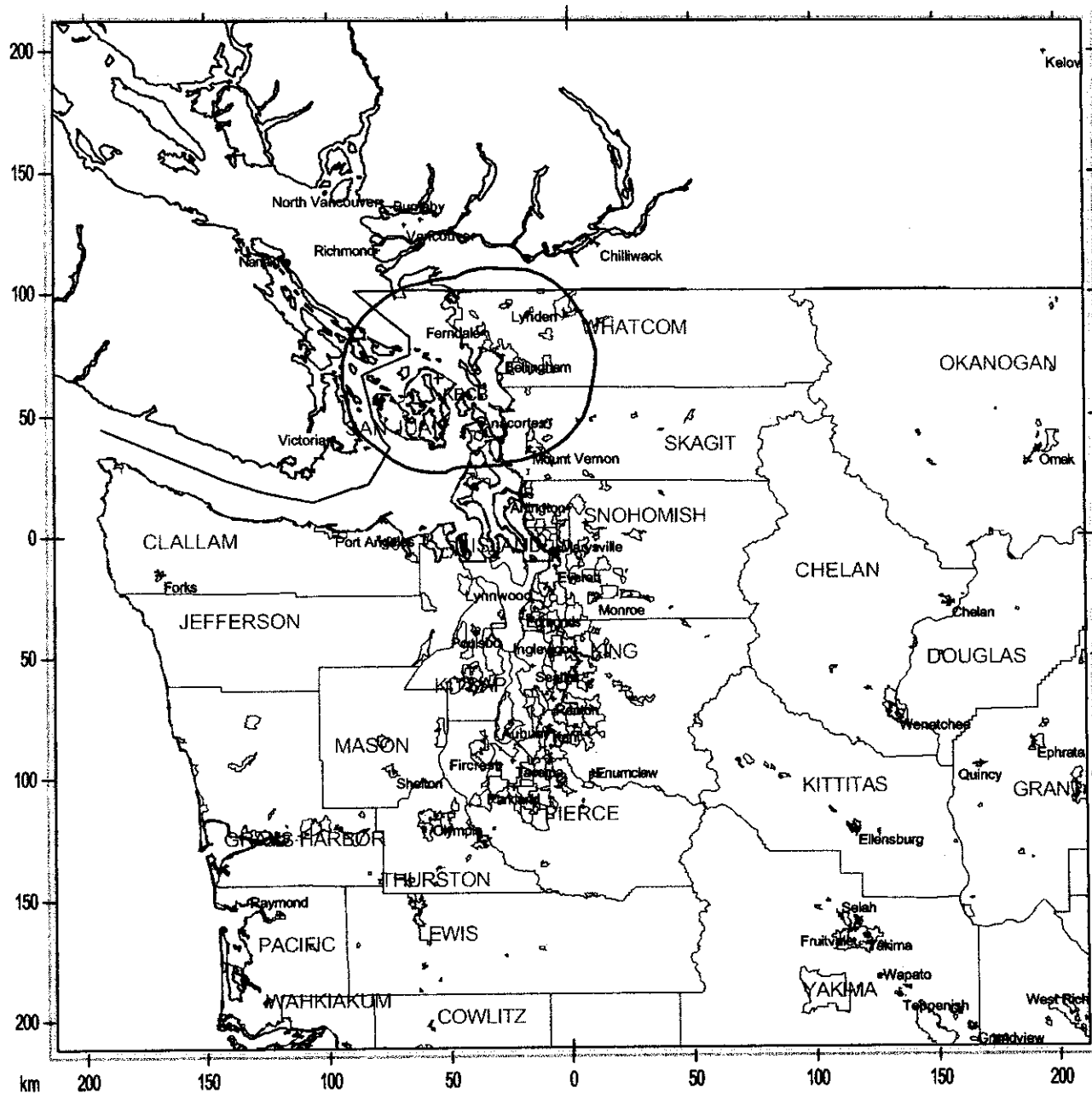
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ATTACHMENT A

KBCB CHANNEL 24 BELLINGHAM WA LICENSED 43.7 KW GRADE B COVERAGE



274,580 PERSONS IN CONTOUR (2000 CENSUS)

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Map Scale: 1:500,000 1 cm = 25.00 km UTM Zone 49Q 74 = 49Q 74 km

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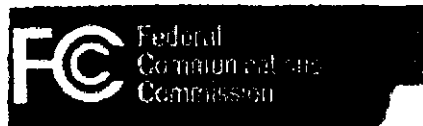
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Address: 5670 Wilshire Boulevard						
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